

## Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application

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### "HIERARCHICAL METHOD FOR STORING DATA WITH IMPROVED COMPRESSION"

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration. I acknowledge a duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

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